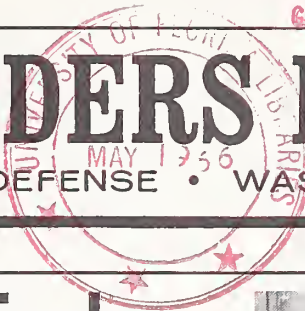
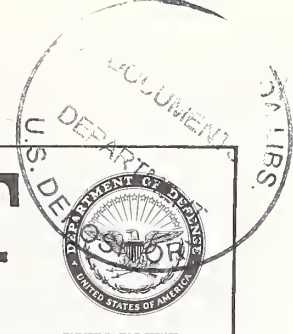


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## Buying of Some Foods Curtailed by Services

In another move aimed at minimizing the impact of its food purchases on consumer prices, DOD has instructed the military departments to reduce the number of servings of pork products at stateside installations.

Earlier the Army and Air Force were told to discontinue purchase of butter and use margarine until further notice. The Navy serves butter in accordance with a 1933 ration law.

The cutback in prime cuts of pork, particularly bacon, is to be at least 50 percent over the next six-month period that began in February.

Reductions were also noted in the consumption and purchase of canned peaches, pears, cherries and fruit cocktail by at least 25 percent.

These actions are explained in a memorandum to each service assistant secretary for installations and logistics, and to the director of the Defense Supply Agency.

A delay in the purchase of canned tomato products and corn until Spring, and a shift to canned snap beans and peas that are now more plentiful, was also stated in the memorandum.

As a substitute for pork, the memo recommended poultry, eggs, sausage, turkey, seafood, and selected beef items. A variety of individual fruits and juices were noted as substitutes for fruits now in short supply and more expensive.

The DOD actions were made in response to several recommendations of the Secretary of Agriculture.

## Navy Seeks Test Model Of TV-Guided Missile

Navy has completed initial contract definition for the Condor air-to-surface television guided missile and is now seeking a test model.

Negotiations are underway between the Bureau of Naval Weapons and North American Aviation, Inc., Columbus, Ohio, for the second phase of contract definition.

Development and fabrication of test and evaluation models are called for in the current contract negotiations with North American.



**TRIPLE DECORATIONS**—Gen. Wallace M. Greene Jr., CMC, presents the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart Medals to Capt. Jerry W. Ledin, USMC, in Washington. Capt. Ledin earned them while serving with the III Marine Amphibious Force in Vietnam.

## Army to Expand Training To Meet New Recruit Input

In early July the Army plans to expand its training base by opening new reception stations and training centers at Ft. Lewis, Wash.; Ft. Bragg, N.C.; and Ft. Campbell, Ky.

Each of the new centers is designed to accept an input of about 1,000 new recruits each week and support an average basic combat training load of about 10,000 trainees.

Last year two centers at Ft. Benning, Ga., and Ft. Bliss, Tex., were opened to increase the capability of the Army to meet its buildup requirements.

The expanded Army training base will include a total of 15 training centers.

Others are located at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.; Ft. Dix, N.J.; Ft. Knox, Ky.; Ft. Ord, Calif.; Ft. Jackson, S.C.; Ft. Polk, La.; Ft. Gordon, Ga.; Ft. Sill, Okla.; Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; and the WAC Training Center at Ft. McClellan, Ala.

## Commuted Rations Rate Increased

The commuted rations rate for enlisted personnel worldwide has been changed to \$1.17 a day from the previous \$1.10 stateside and \$1.14 overseas rates.

The return to a one-rate system for both overseas and stateside personnel reflects a similar rate structure used several years ago.

# Washington Memos

• **U.S.-SPANISH SPACE** agreement has been signed whereby Spain's Instituto Nacional de Tecnica Aeroespacial will share in operation of United States space station near Madrid which maintains radio contact with unmanned probes to the Moon, Mars and Venus and will support Apollo astronauts on their flight to the Moon.

**DOD HAS REQUESTED** Selective Service to provide the Armed Force induction stations with 15,000 men in June. All inductees called in June will be assigned to the Army. The decrease in June draft call, according to officials, is primarily because voluntary enlistments normally increase in June at the end of school year. May draft call was 34,600.

**ARMY'S NEW OH-6A** has completed longest non-stop helicopter flight in history. The 2,230-mile flight from Los Angeles to Ormond Beach, Fla. was made in 15 hours and 13 minutes by test pilot Robert G. Ferry, Hughes Tool Company. The OH-6A has now claimed more than one-third of all world helicopter records.

**CASUALTY REPORT REVEALS** that 2,863 U.S. military personnel lost their lives and 14,727 suffered non-fatal wounds during hostile actions in RVN from Jan. 1, 1961 to April 2, 1966. Deaths from non-hostile actions numbered 652.

**NATION'S STRATEGIC FORCE** included 800 Minuteman I missiles at five bases last July. Air Force has accepted first improved Minuteman II at a sixth base soon to be fully operational. In 1967 an additional Minuteman II squadron will become operational bringing total force to 1,000.

**VALIDATED COST REDUCTION** savings of more than \$1.586 billion for first half FY66 have been reported by Air Force. Air Force portion of DOD's cost reduction goal for entire year is \$2.353 billion.

**POCKET-SIZE KITS** for producing water in desert or arid areas are being supplied to pilots at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. Tests in dry river beds have yielded from one to three quarts of water per unit per day. The "solar still" kit works on an evaporative principle using sun's energy to form moisture inside an open container, such as a pilot's helmet, dug into ground. Air Force-wide adoption of kits has been recommended by Davis-Monthan officials.

**CAPT. W. GLENN NORMILE, SC, USN**, will succeed Col. Charles F. Burley, USAF, as Director of Defense Contract Administration Services Region, Dallas, Tex., this month. Region is field activity of Defense Supply Agency. Col. Burley will retire.

**DOD'S INCENTIVE AWARDS** program is described as most consistently successful one in Federal Government. More than \$210 million in benefits resulted from Defense's FY65 program, representing more than 85 percent of the Government-wide total. DOD pioneered the program more than 20 years ago. It was adopted throughout Government in 1954.

**THROUGH THIS PROGRAM** nearly three million active duty service members are now eligible to receive cash awards. Service members are authorized up to \$25,000 for adopted suggestions, inventions and scientific achievements. Criteria for determining eligibility and amount of cash awarded is essentially the same as that governing civilian employees.

**SSGT. GAYLE C. DUNNINGTON**, USA, and Wilbur Ford, a civilian, split a \$700 cash award for a suggestion submitted under new incentive awards program authorizing cash payments to military personnel. Suggestion involved less expensive method of photo reproduction, with validated first year savings of \$16,400. They are members of the Pictorial Graphics Section, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.

**SYSTEMATIC PAYROLL SAVINGS** in U.S. Savings Bonds has proved, since 1941, to be a most convenient way for employees to invest not only in a better future for themselves and their families, but also in helping to keep America strong.

**AN ALUMINUM BOAT** that can carry 12 men or 2,000 pounds of supplies 30 mph through swamps and weed-infested waters is being developed by Army Mobility Equipment Center's Engineer Research and Development Laboratories, Ft. Belvoir, Va. The 24-foot boat is powered by a 400 horsepower aircraft engine with specially designed four-blade propeller.

**ARMY CHAPLAIN OF Year** award presented to Chaplain (Capt.) Alfred Brough, 3d Infantry, Ft. Meyer, Va., by the Chaplain Alexander D. Goode-Ben Goldman Lodge of B'nai B'rith, New York City. He received title, \$250 and a plaque, primarily for bringing the peal of church-bells to Mekong Delta region of RVN.

**PACIFIC AIR FORCES' 2nd Air Division** named recipient of Air Force Association's H. H. Arnold Trophy for most outstanding contribution of year, by a man or men, to aerospace activity. Division personnel in Vietnam also named as Air Force Men of Year for 1965 in recognition of their "outstanding performance in combat under extreme conditions in Southeast Asia."

**TAC HAS INITIATED** new training program to "combat qualify" pilots who may be fresh out of flying school as replacement aircrewmembers for world-wide tactical air force. Under program, TAC has designated some of its tactical fighter squadrons as replacement training units and given them mission of combat crew replacement crew training. TAC assault airlift units are also involved in new training program.

**GUIDED MISSILE ESCORT ship USS Richard L. Page (DEG-5)** was launched April 4 at Bath, Maine. Principal speaker was Doctor James S. Coles, president of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine. Richard L. Page, for whom ship is named, came to prominence in Civil War through his service in Confederate States Navy and Army. Page is designed for anti-submarine warfare operations.

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## XV-6A V/STOL Aircraft Due for Tri-Service Testing

Concept testing of the XV-6A vertical and/or short take-off and landing (V/STOL) aircraft is scheduled this month by an Army, Navy and Air Force evaluation team.

The evaluations will be performed at Ft. Campbell, Ky.; Eglin AFB, Fla.; Patuxent Naval Air Station, Md.; and aboard an aircraft carrier.

The services will test the V/STOL concept and its ability to meet the requirements of each individual service.

Testing of the British-built P.1127, redesignated the XV-6A by the United States, is scheduled to be completed by July 31.

Six of the aircraft were obtained through an agreement with the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany. Operational evaluation of the V/STOL jet concept was conducted in England last year.

## Name New Concept For Armed Forces Day

The national Armed Forces Day observance May 21 consists of a "Report to the Nation," a new concept to be followed each year hereafter on the third Saturday in May.

A nationally-televised documentary on the services' worldwide operational posture, and issuance of an Armed Forces Report pamphlet constitute the nationwide program. Speakers may use material from the pamphlet.

The national program may be augmented by locally-sponsored open houses and community sponsored programs stressing the "Report to the Nation" concept.

Observances planned by DOD components will concentrate on the sponsoring command or agency's contribution to national security. This includes guest speakers and special film reports with appropriate commentary.

A DOD Film Report, "Not for Conquest," and Army's Big Picture production, "Your Military Neighbor," will be released to support local programs.

Overseas observances will be as determined most suitable by the commander of the Unified Command concerned. As a minimum, internal observances will be held for U.S. personnel and their dependents.

## Service Strength Increase Foreseen

The original end-of-FY66 strength of the military services may be increased, especially in the Army and Air Force, according to U.S. officials.

Estimated strength figures for the end of FY66 were: Army, 1,159,043; Air Force, 854,498; Navy, 723,723; Marine Corps, 250,079.

The total estimated strength for the end of FY66 was 2,987,343.

Officials would not estimate size of the possible buildup.



**STAR STARFIGHTERS**—Pilots of the 479th Tactical Fighter Wing, George AFB, Calif., proudly wear Air Medals earned in Vietnam. Displaying crests of the wing's three squadrons that have returned from RVN are (left to right) Cpts. R. B. Soltis, 476th; L.D. Stewart, 435th; and Mac MacFarlane, 436th Tactical Fighter Sqdus. The wing's Starfighter pilots won 38 Air Medals, two DFCs and two Bronze Stars.

## Gen. Westmoreland Praises Marines in 'Operation Texas'

Gen. William C. Westmoreland, USA, Commander, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, congratulated the Second Bn., Fourth Marines, upon successful conclusion of "Operation Texas" at Phuung Dinh, RVN.

The Marines were flown to the area by helicopter to pursue a Viet Cong force which had overrun an RVN Army outpost. Landing near Phuung Dinh, they discovered the hamlet was a heavily fortified Viet Cong regimental command post.

During seven hours of combat against an estimated reinforced battalion of the Viet Cong First Regiment, they killed 167 enemy troops by actual count. Thousands of rounds of machine gun and automatic rifle ammunition, mortar rounds, and hundreds of grenades were captured.

Congratulating the Marines on the victory, Gen. Westmoreland said, "I want to tell you that I'm proud of you, every one of you. You belong to a great outfit—a fighting Marine outfit. I don't think I can say anything better than that."

## Makeshift Bomb Trailers for RVN Use

San Antonio Air Materiel Area personnel have converted excess Model 2000 twin-rail aircraft engine handling trailers to fill an urgent need in the RVN for trailers able to move 750-pound bombs over rough terrain.

A priority program to modify 200 trailers, saving \$299,500 the first year, was established. The trailers will be used until one specifically designed for the purpose can be developed.

## 4-Nation ASW Exercise Underway in N. Atlantic

A multi-nation antisubmarine warfare exercise is underway in the North Atlantic involving ships and aircraft from the United States, Canada, Great Britain and The Netherlands.

"The task force consisting of submarines, destroyers and aircraft," according to Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, USN, NATO Commander-in-Chief, Western Atlantic area, "will sharpen their antisubmarine warfare skills at establishing defenses against both sea and air opposition."

He said the exercise will also provide an opportunity for the participating nations to increase their ability to work with a multi-nation task force.

## Eagles Scream in RVN For PsyWar Program

Army's 101st Airborne Division (Screaming Eagles) is using a recording of an eagle's scream in its psychological warfare program against the Viet Cong.

An Air Force U-10 aircraft flies over Viet Cong areas, playing the recording over four loudspeakers before an assault begins, and dropping leaflets picturing an eagle holding a Viet Cong in its talons and promising death. It also promises safe conduct to those who surrender.

The methods are being used by the 1st Brigade of the 101st in Operation Harrison, a search and destroy operation begun after completing a month-and-a-half rice gathering operation in the Tuy Hoa area.



**RECORD SETTER**—Col. David M. Kyle, USA, fastens his seat belts prior to flying a 1,000-kilometer closed-circuit course in which he claimed three world speed records for helicopters in medium weight class. He made the flight in an OH-6A helicopter.

## Submarine Sqdn. Builds Own Recreation Area

Members of Navy's Submarine Squadron Eighteen, based at the Cooper River Fleet Ballistic Missile Replenishment Site, S.C., are nearing completion of a large "do-it-yourself" recreation area.

The 28-acre recreation area, which will have a football field, softball fields, golf driving range, tennis and basketball courts, archery range, horseshoe pits and four volleyball courts, was built by volunteers on off-duty time with equipment borrowed from nearby military installations.

## Direct Procurement POs Graduate at CB School

They were enlisted in petty officer enlisted in the Navy under the direct procurement program completed a four-week indoctrination course at the Davisville Seabee Center, Davisville, R.I., March 28.

They were enlisted in petty officer grades comparable to their civilian experience, by-passing the 11-week basic training given other men entering the service.

The program was used during World War II to recruit men skilled in the building trades to form the Seabee construction battalions and was recently revived to help the Navy increase its construction forces.

## New Senior Member Named To Korean UN Command

Maj. Gen. Joseph O. Butcher, USMC, has been named to succeed Maj. Gen. Harry J. Sands Jr., USAF, as senior member of the United Nations Command Component of the Military Armistice Commission in Korea.

No date was announced for the change.

The position of senior member is rotated among the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.

As senior member, Gen. Butcher will be command spokesman on all matters concerning the Armistice Agreement that ended fighting in Korea nearly 13 years ago.

Brig. Gen. Wallace C. Robinson Jr., USMC, succeeded Gen. Butcher as Commanding General, Marine Corps Supply Activity, Philadelphia.

### PERSONNEL ACTIONS

**Maj. Gen. Edwin H. Burba, USA**, chief of MAAG-Korea to become project manager for Joint Tank Development Program, Army Materiel Command, replacing **Maj. Gen. Welborn G. Dolvin**, who will become CG, Third Armored Division in Europe. **Maj. Gen. Charles S. D'Orsa**, Deputy CG, U.S. Army Ryukyus, to command IV Corps, Battle Creek, Mich. **Maj. Gen. Harry L. Hillyard, USA**, Chief, JUSMAG Greece, to become CG, XXI Corps, Annville, Pa. **Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Edwin R. Chess, USAF**, to become Chief of Chaplains, Sept 1, replacing **Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Robert P. Taylor, USAF**, who is retiring. **Brig. Gen. William B. Keyes, USAF**, Commander, 47th Air Division, Castle AFB, Calif., to become CofS 15th Air Force, March AFB, Calif., April 15.

### CONTRACT AWARDS

**Flag-Utica Co., Div. of Genesco, Inc., Florence, Ala.:** \$1,205,506 contract for 425,000 pairs of men's shorts. (DSA)

**The Heil Co., Milwaukee, Wis.:** \$8,130,881 fixed-price contract for 5,000-gallon fuel tank semi-trailers and repair parts. (Army)

**Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Sales, Hale Thorpe, Md.:** \$1,486,560 fixed-price contract for aluminum extrusions (AM-2) for airfield matting. (Navy)

**Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Marietta, Ga.:** \$1,022,544 increment to a previously awarded contract for production of C-140 aircraft and related equipment. (Air Force)